

**The Freestate Happy Wanderers
 Welcomes you to the Ocean City, MD YRE – 1572
 Walks 6K, 8K, 10K and 12K
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event**

Ocean City, MD (OCMD) stretches along 10 miles of beautiful beach from the Inlet to the Delaware state line. The boardwalk, which got its start in the 1900, wasn't always a year-round fixture here. In the early days of the boardwalk each year it was taken up in the winter, and stored until the following spring. Not today, now it is nearly 3 miles long with food, games, biking, shopping and restrooms. Did you know: OCMD is one of the east coast premier sport fishing destinations. OCMD is the White Marlin Capital of the World and home of the annual White Marlin Open.

All walk routes will take you on the boardwalk, and if you want views of the Ocean and the Bay, the 12K is for you. The 12K is the best tour of this all year round Beach town.

1. 6K Option 1: OC South to North Boardwalk Route
2. 6K Option 2: OC North to South Boardwalk Route
3. 8K OC Entire Boardwalk Route
4. 10K Downtown and Boardwalk Route
5. Optional 12K: Downtown, Boardwalk, and Bayside Route.

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6. Special Programs:

Centurion Achievement Challenge, Par-For-The-Course, Step to the Beat, Walking with America's Veterans, Walking the United States-States, and Walking the USA, A-Z.

Freestate Happy Wanderers Website: <https://sites.google.com/svsvc.org/fhw/home>

Start Point:

The Roland E. Powell (Ocean City) Convention Center is where the Welcome Center is located. The Center is on the bayside at 40th St. This is where you will park if you are doing the 10 or 12K. This is also a great place to get information and suggestions from the Center’s helpful and knowledgeable staff. They will recommend and help you pick out brochures for attractions, hotels and restaurants while you are visiting. The Center is open Monday-Friday 9-4, an occasional Saturday and closed on Sunday. (Latitude:38.3365 N, Longitude: 75.0849W)

Amenities:

Restrooms are located at the Convention center and along the OC boardwalk. There are many restaurants and shops on the boardwalk and city streets to checkout. Restrooms on the boardwalk are open year round. Some restaurants and shops are only open during the summer season (April-October).

Driving Directions:

The Convention Center is located at 4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842 (410) 289-2800. From US 50, follow Route 90 east into Ocean City, turn right at Coastal Highway and follow it to Convention Center on the right.


Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please log in to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, and click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911
	Event related assistance:
	Karen Kaufman 302-233-6615

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.



FREESTATE HAPPY WANDERERS
OCEAN CITY, MD YRE-1572
6K Options 1 and 2 and 8K Routes

6K Option 1: South to North Boardwalk

1. Drive South (right turn) onto Philadelphia St (Coastal Highway) from the Start point to the inlet parking lot. Fees for parking are in effect from April 1st-October 31st.
2. From parking lot walk to the boardwalk.
3. Turn right onto boardwalk to head North. You should see a white framed building. This is the Lifesaving Station Museum.
4. Continue walking till you reach 16th street. Turn around and retrace your steps back to the end of the boardwalk to complete the 6K.

6K Option 2: North to South Boardwalk

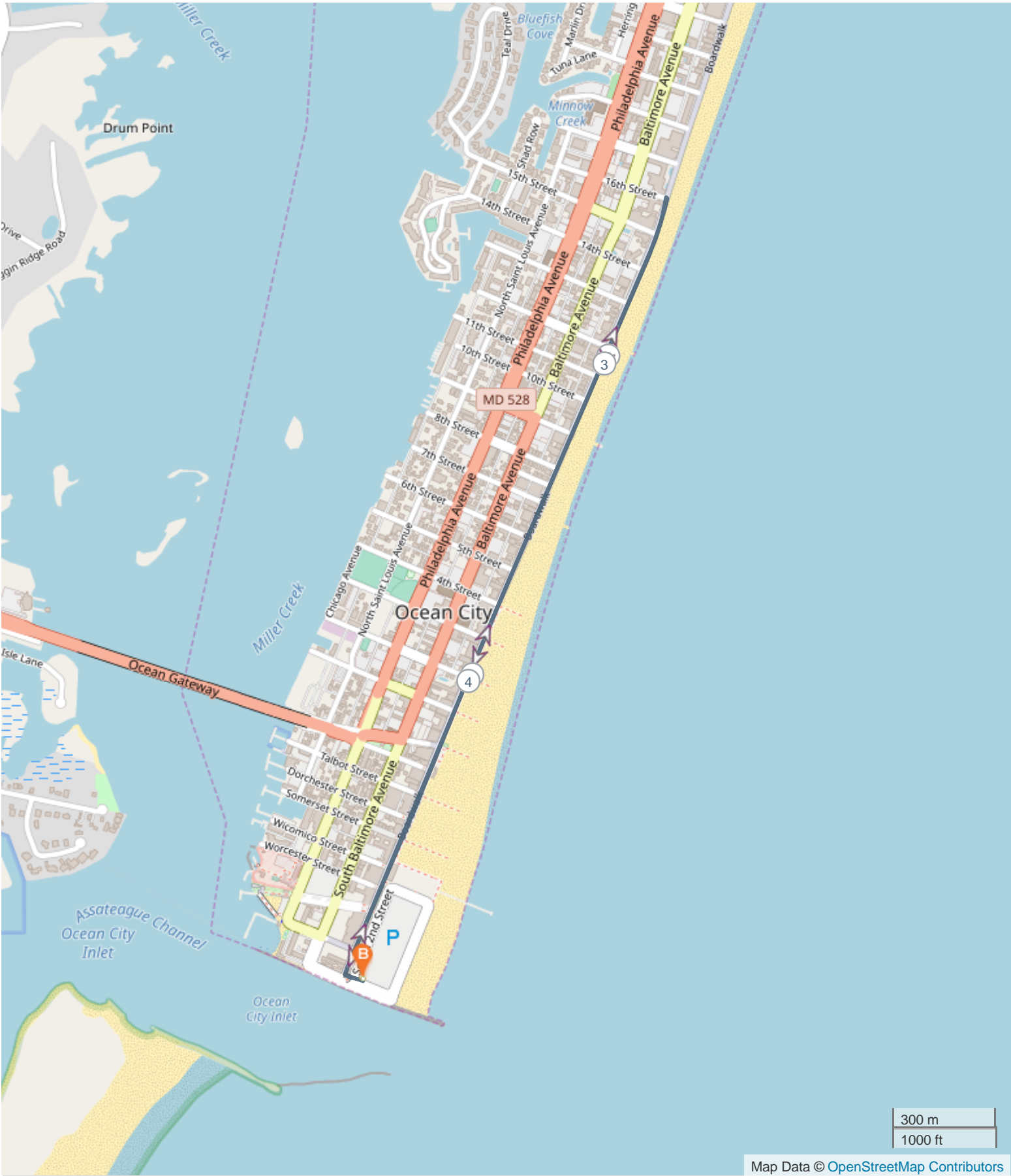
1. From the Start point drive South (right turn) onto Philadelphia St (Coastal Highway) to 30th St. Turn left onto 30th, drive one block, make a right onto Baltimore St to 27th St. Parking is available along Baltimore 27th St. Bathrooms located at entrance to boardwalk.
2. Starting at the Northern most point (27 St) of the boardwalk (Don't forget to tap the sign) begin walking South.
3. When you reach 4th St turn around and return to the 27th St to complete the 6K.

Optional 8K: Full Boardwalk

1. Drive from Start point to either end of boardwalk using instructions for either Option 1 or 2 above.
2. Starting at either end of the boardwalk walk, walk the entire length of the boardwalk to the end then turn around and walk back to complete the 8K.

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Ocean City 6Km Option 1

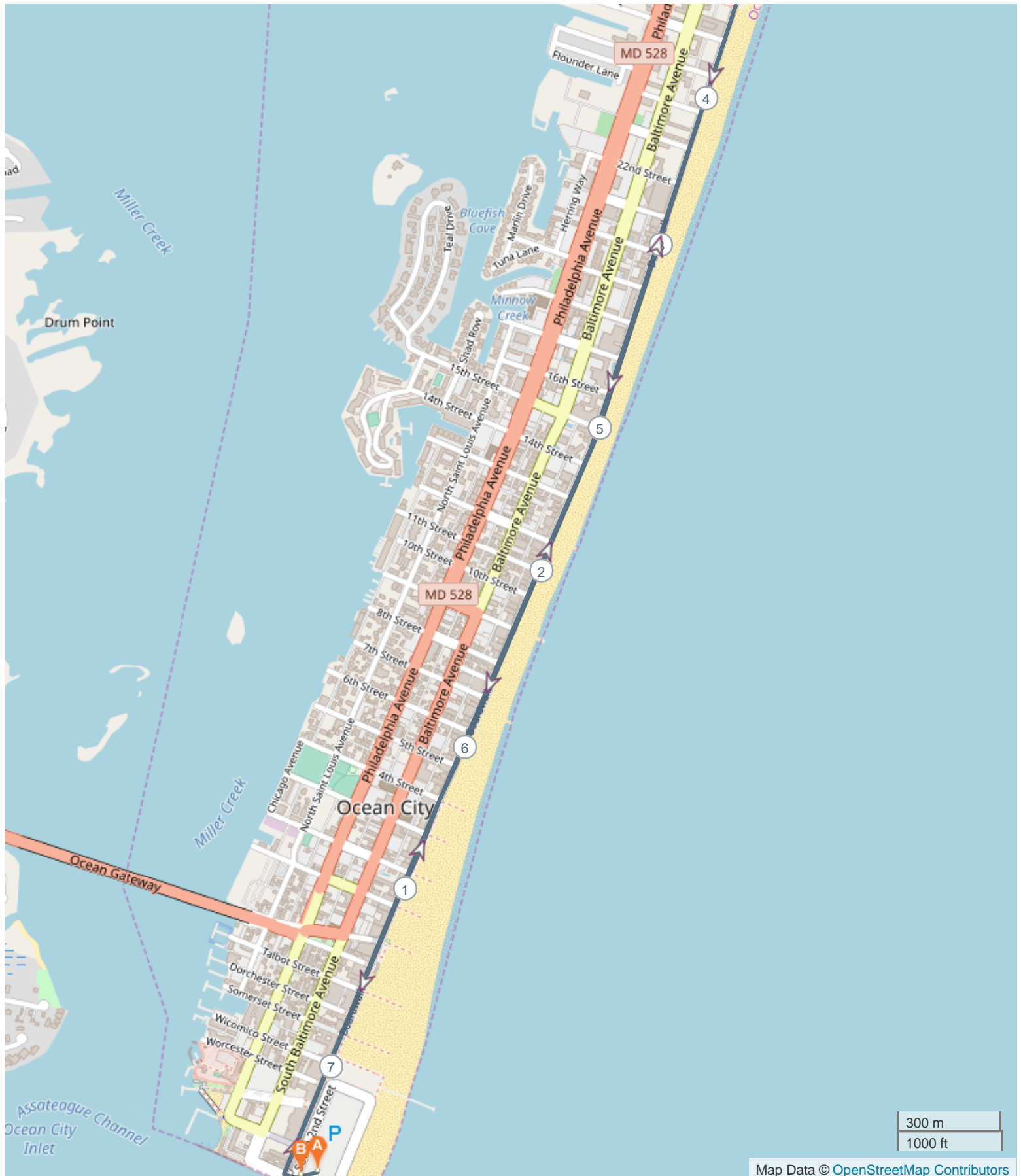


300 m
1000 ft

Ocean City 6Km Option 2



Ocean City 8Km



FREESTATE HAPPY WANDERERS
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10K and Optional 12K Routes

1. Drive to Convention Center (40th street and Coastal Highway/Philadelphia Avenue)
2. Park and start walk from Visitor's Center towards Philadelphia Ave.
3. At traffic light, cross Philadelphia and **TURN RIGHT** (facing traffic) continue walking South.
4. **TURN LEFT** 33rd Street. As the road curves bear right onto Baltimore Avenue.
5. **TURN LEFT** on 27th Street.
6. **TURN RIGHT** at the boardwalk (restrooms/fountain). Those who want to walk the beach (10K route) can exit and continue parallel to the amusement pier. (2.5K at 20th Street)
7. Continue on boardwalk to 17th Street.
 - a. **OPTION A (10K route)** - Continue to amusement park pier and number 8.
 - b. **OPTION B (12K route)** follow i-xi:
 - i. **TURN RIGHT** on 17TH. Cross Baltimore Avenue and cross Philadelphia Avenue.
 - ii. **TURN LEFT** on Philadelphia Avenue to 14th.
 - iii. **TURN RIGHT** on 14TH to St Louis Avenue.
 - iv. **TURN LEFT** on St Louis Avenue to 13th Street.
 - v. **TURN RIGHT** on 13th Street to Edgewater Avenue.
 - vi. **TURN LEFT** on Edgewater to 5th Street.
 - vii. **TURN LEFT** on 5th. Cross St Louis Avenue and Philadelphia to Baltimore Avenue.
 - viii. **TURN RIGHT** on Baltimore Avenue to Worcester Street.
 - ix. Continue on Baltimore Avenue past amusement park to where the sidewalk turns to boardwalk.
 - x. Just past the observation are, cross the road towards lighthouse/Life Saving Museum. You are now at the end of the Boardwalk.
 - xi. Continue on Boardwalk to amusement park.
8. Continue along Boardwalk back (next Street should be Somerset) to 27th Street.
9. **TURN LEFT** at 27th Street to Baltimore Avenue.
10. **TURN RIGHT** on Baltimore Avenue and follow to Philadelphia Avenue.
11. **TURN RIGHT** on Philadelphia Avenue to 40th Street.
12. **TURN LEFT** CROSSING Philadelphia Avenue to finish.

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Ocean City YRE Volksmarch 10Km



Ocean City YRE Volksmarch 12Km

